

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

NC Research Campus
UNC Building
500 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

Members:

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Josh Watkins	Town of Harrisburg
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Doug Paris	Town of Midland
Ron Miller	Town of Landis
Stuart Basham	NCDOT-Div 10
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div 9
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Chris Stiller	Town of Rockwell
Deborah Young	City of Salisbury
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Marc Morgan	NCDOT Div 10
Andy Christy	RIDER Transit
Lloyd Payne	City of Concord
L.J. Weslowski	RIDER Transit
Richard McMillan	Town of Midland
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Richard Smith	Town of Midland
Kelly Sifford	Cabarrus County
Rob Donham	Harrisburg

Call to Order

TCC Chairman Doug Paris called the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. Chairman Paris began the meeting by calling the roll of eligible TCC members. After the roll was called and it was determined a quorum had been met, Chairman Paris asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Cabarrus Rowan MPO Executive Director Phil Conrad addressed Chairman Paris and requested to add an item regarding the MTP Project List to the end of the Reports section. With no additional additions or corrections being heard, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to adjust the agenda to include the item presented by Director Conrad. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve the addition to the agenda.

Chairman Paris continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Paris moved forward with the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Paris called TCC members' attention to the October 19, 2016 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Chris Stiller made a motion to accept the minutes as they appear. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Nomination and Election of TCC Vice-Chair

MPO Director Phil Conrad reported that the Cabarrus-Rowan TCC Bylaws state that a new TCC Vice-Chair must be elected each year. Phil reported that the Vice-Chair will rotate to the Chair position in January 2018. He stated that the TCC would need to nominate and elect a Vice-Chair from Rowan County at today's meeting since the current Chair was from Cabarrus County.

What that being said, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to nominate Mr. Ed Muire from Rowan County. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Ed Muire addressed the TCC members and stated that although he would be happy to serve, he felt that there were other members from Rowan County jurisdictions who had not served and would make equally as good a candidate for the Vice Chairman position. Mr. Muire requested that Mr. Reid Walters be considered for the 2017 Vice Chairman position. Chairman Paris asked if Mr. Wilson would like to withdraw his original motion and Mr. Wilson did withdraw his motion.

Mr. Ed Muire then nominated Mr. Reid Walters as the 2017 CRMPO TCC Vice Chairman. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the nomination. Mr. Muire then requested the nominations be closed. The TCC members then voted unanimously to approve Mr. Walters as the 2017 TCC Vice Chairman.

Old Beatty Ford Road Bridge Request

Mr. Ed Muire reminded TCC members that the amended 2016-2025 STIP includes the construction of a new I-85 interchange north of Old Beatty Ford Road. This new interchange identified as Project I-3804 is to be constructed concurrently with the I-3802B widening project. Mr. Muire went on to say that two interchange options had been considered by NCDOT and both would utilize the two lane bridge cross section previously designed for the W-5516 safety project.

Mr. Muire continued by saying that based on an active land use and infrastructure study focusing on development potential and service to the interchange area, Rowan County is requesting that NCDOT changed the bridge cross section to accommodate five vehicular lanes. He then called members' attention to a draft Resolution of Support included in their agenda packets. Mrs. Diane Hampton with NCDOT Division 9 handed out an information pamphlet about the project which contained maps and diagrams of the preferred construction option and the proposed cross section. Mr. Muire added that NCDOT has already approved the request but that the County would still like the support of the CR MPO. After member discussion regarding clarification on the proposed cross sections from Mrs. Hampton, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO consider endorsing Rowan County's request for the Old Beatty Ford Road bridge cross section. Mr. Josh Watkins seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed New CMAQ Project – Town of Midland

Director Conrad reported to the TCC members that the Town of Midland had been awarded about \$112,248 in FY 2015 by the CRMPO for CMAQ project C-5503. The proposed project was to design and construct sidewalks and crosswalks at the intersection of US Hwy 601 and NC 24/27. Phil then introduced Mr. Richard Smith of Benchmark Planning who is representing the Town of Midland in presenting this proposed new project.

Mr. Smith addressed the members and explained that the Town of Midland would like to shift the CMAQ funding from their originally approved project site to a new location on Bethel School Road. Due to the recent opening of the new Rob Wallace Park by Cabarrus County in Midland's jurisdiction, the Town feels that the funding would be better spent on a crosswalk, signalization and a sidewalk that would join area developments such as Saddlebrook, Bethel Glen and Brentwood to the Park. Shifting funding from the original project to this new project would encourage these adjacent developments and future ones to utilize pedestrian access to the Park.

Phil called members' attention to information in their packets on the project with included Attachment 5A – Original Agreement from NCDOT, Attachment 5B – New Project CMAQ Application and Attachment 5C – Letter of Support for the Project from the Town of Midland.

With no further discussion, Chairman Doug Paris made a motion to request that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the application for the pedestrian connection to Saddlebrook, Bethel Glen and Brentwood subdivisions with Rob Wallace Park. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed CMAQ Project Submittals

Director Phil Conrad reminded members that Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are a federal funding source for areas designated non-attainment by the Environmental Project Agency (EPA). He went on to say that to receive CMAQ funding the local sponsor is required to contribute a 20 percent match. Phil explained that eligible projects must demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit to the local area making the request.

Phil continued by saying that the CRMPO has two existing CMAQ Project Proposals currently in the NCDOT system and that the MPO received four new project proposals by the December 2016 deadline for submittals. He went on to say that new project applications must be submitted to NCDOT by March 15, 2017.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment 6A which was a table listing all of the CMAQ projects being considered. He called attention to copies of all of the new project applications included in their packets and reviewed all of the projects with members. He then reported that NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO should anticipate receiving approximately \$1.6 million per year in CMAQ funds for FY 2018 and FY2019. If that is the case, about two-thirds of the CRMPO proposed CMAQ projects can be funded with this existing revenue source. Phil concluded by calling members' attention to Attachment 6B, which outlines the estimated FAST Act CMAQ Apportionment.

After all review, Phil called members' attention to Attachment 6C which was a draft Resolution of Support for the CMAQ project submittals. With no further questions or discussions, Mr. Reid Walters made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the CMAQ Project submittals. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2016-2017 UPWP Amendment #1

Phil explained to the members that the City of Concord and RIDER Transit have requested that the CRMPO amend the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include federal funds to produce a long range transit plan for Cabarrus County. The plan funded by using Section 5307

federal funds, will evaluate the type and level of transit service needed locally and regionally. It will also determine the capital needs and type of service needed over the next twenty years.

Phil went on to say that the City of Concord, the City of Kannapolis, and Cabarrus County will be responsible for the local twenty percent match of the total cost, which equates to \$150,000 federal share. He then called members' attention to Attachment 7 which was a draft amendment to the UPWP and would show an increase to the line item for II-A-1 Networks and Support Systems.

With little discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting Amendment #1 to the 2016-2017 UPWP. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2017-2018 Draft UPWP

Phil Conrad reported that each year the CRMPO develops and adopts a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is the MPO's budget and follows the state fiscal year 2017-2018. Phil explained that the UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year.

He reviewed the DRAFT UPWP with the members and indicated that it would come back in final form at a later date.

Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Phil reminded members that NCDOT has spent the past year working on a series of maps to update the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). These maps Phil explained, will complement the current adopted and fiscally constrained MTP. Phil reported that Mr. Reuben Crummy with NCDOT TPB was to present this item to them today, but was involved in a minor automobile accident on the way to the meeting today and is unable to attend.

Phil went on to say that NCDOT has provided regular updates on the CTP to the CRMPO TCC and is requesting adoption of the CTP maps. An advertised thirty day public comment period ended on December 14, 2016 and a public meeting was held in China Grove on November 15, 2016 in conjunction with a NCDOT Open House. Phil asked for any questions or comments.

Mr. Wilmer Melton with the City of Kannapolis expressed concern that some of the updates that the City of Kannapolis had provided to NCDOT on numerous occasions still had not been incorporated into the new CTP maps being considered for approval. Some TCC members reported that they had been in contact with Reuben concerning some omitted updates for their jurisdictions as well, but that he had resolved the issues quickly and that the maps met their approval. After discussion, it was determined that Mr. Melton would contact Reuben Crummy later that day and get the City of Kannapolis' final updates incorporated into the CTP maps. With that being the case, Mr. Melton made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting the Draft CTP maps with the Kannapolis updates to be completed by Mr. Crummy. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – NCDOT Division 9 representative Mrs. Diane Hampton directed members to a spreadsheet included in their packets of updates on the Rowan County projects. Diane called attention to and highlighted updates on Rowan County projects. Mr. Stuart Basham from Division 10 also reported on project updates on Division 10 Projects for the TCC members from a spreadsheet included in member packets as well. Stuart also updated members on P4.0's schedule for approval.

DRAFT 2018-2027 TIP Release – This item was postponed to a future meeting due to the fact that the TIP Unit representative could not attend. Phil called members' attention to a table CRMPO TIP Summary of the Draft 2018-2027 TIP included in their packets. He reviewed the table for the members.

2020-2029 TIP Project Call – Phil noted an upcoming call for new project proposals for the next TIP cycle. He indicated that an email would be distributed.

Proposed Federal Rule on Coordination and Planning Area Reform for MPO's – Phil Conrad directed members to a Federal Planning Rule Summary included in their packets for their review and information. It is anticipated that it will be 2022 before any changes will be implemented.

MPO Website RFQ's Update – Phil reported that the target date for the new website to be live is still March 15, 2017.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information – Phil referenced the ridership information included in the member packets.
- Next scheduled meeting February 15, 2017.

Adjournment

TCC Chairman Paris asked if there was any other business to discuss. Mrs. Susie Morris reported to the members that Cabarrus County and the Town of Harrisburg are jointly working on a Morehead Area Plan and will at some point be bringing it to the CRMPO. With no other business to be considered, Mr. Josh Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.